Health: Community action programme 2008-2013

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In accordance with the requirements of Decision No 1350/2007/EC, the Commission presents a Staff Working Document containing the conclusions of the midterm evaluation of the Health Programme 2008-2013.

The evaluation covers action under the Programme from 2008 to 2010. The overall purpose of this evaluation was to assess the progress achieved so far under the Health Programme 2008-2013 with a particular focus on impact and EU added value. The results of this evaluation have fed into the new Commission proposal for the Health for Growth programme 2014-2020 adopted on 9 November 2011.

The mid-term evaluation **recommended a number of improvements to the Programme** including better prioritisation of needs, more targeted and focused objectives, reduction of the number of actions to be co-funded, monitoring through SMART indicators, and better dissemination of the Programme outcomes.

The Commission proposal for the Health for Growth Programme 2014-2020 has already incorporated these recommendations and particular effort should be made to follow them up for the Programme's successful implementation.